

Pine Hill Divinity Hall

others who wish to avail themselves of that process, I find it difficult to accept that an Hon. Member of this House would have to wait for six months, using the process of the House to obtain something that would take 30 days under an Act of this Parliament. I would submit that it would be far better if in the future the Government made it more expeditious to provide us with documents that can assist all Members of the House to do their work.

● (1830)

In conclusion, I thank Hon. Members who have spoken today and the Government for finally providing us with the documents for which we asked last November 25.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. There have been discussions among the Parties. I think you would find unanimous agreement of the House to pass Bill S-7, standing in the name of the Member for Cape Breton Highlands—Canso (Mr. O'Neil), through all stages. It would be sent to a Committee of the Whole House rather than a legislative committee as stated on the Order Paper. This matter would be disposed of by 7 p.m. this evening. If the matter is in fact disposed of before 7 o'clock p.m., we suggest that the House recess until 7 p.m. at which time we would resume with the business which was on the floor when Private Members' Business was called. I think you will find unanimous agreement of the House to proceed in that manner.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for what the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary has suggested?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

PRIVATE BILLS

[English]

ACT OF INCORPORATION OF PINE HILL DIVINITY HALL

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Lawrence I. O'Neil (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso) moved that Bill S-7, an Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of Pine Hill Divinity Hall, be read the second time and, by unanimous consent, be referred to Committee of the Whole.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the other two Parties for their agreement to allow speedy passage of Bill S-7. By way of explanation, this Bill is designed to amend the Act of incorporation of Pine Hill Divinity College in Halifax. It is, in addition, designed to give the College greater flexibility with respect to the acquisition and disposition of property. Under

the existing Charter that power is limited. I move this motion on behalf of the Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. McInnes).

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and my colleagues in the Liberal Party I wish to speak in favour of Bill S-7. It need not have lengthy debate in the House of Commons. The other House has discussed the Bill at some length. One of the purposes of this Bill is, as my hon. colleague in the Conservative Party has stated, to give a new French name to the college which will be *Collège de théologie* Pine Hill. Under the previous statute the college did not have a bilingual name.

I feel that this and the other measures in the Bill are very worth-while initiatives. They were brought to the floor of the other House by the Hon. Henry Hicks, Senator, representing the Province of Nova Scotia. My colleagues and I are in support of this Bill which was presented in the other House by our hon. colleague, a former Liberal Premier of that province. I take a moment to add that, Mr. Speaker, as I am sure you would want me to under the circumstances.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate the support of our caucus for Bill S-7, which was brought to the floor of the other House and returned to this House earlier this afternoon.

[Translation]

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a few comments on this Bill to explain matters to my caucus. I simply want to point out that it is a private Bill, not a public Bill, and that it deals with the interests of a specific institution and not the public interest. It is interesting to note that we have to come back to the House of Commons to give a French name to the French version of an Act dealing with a specific institution. This is interesting. I hope that there will be a more effective way of dealing with such matters in the future. Could we not pass a public Bill to settle this type of issue once and for all to avoid wasting the time of the House?

The other provision of this Bill would authorize the college to purchase and donate property. At the present time, it can only donate its property to someone else for \$1. However, it is necessary for the college to be able to sell and purchase property for it to prosper. We support this Bill. In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I hope that, in the future, there will be laws that allow us to deal more effectively with this type of matter without wasting the time of the House of Commons.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I declare the motion carried.